



LAUREL ROAD EXPANSION

PROGRESS REPORT
9/14/2021

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OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEETING

- To bring you up to date on the engineering design
- To lay out the budget for the construction of Laurel Road
- To lay out the budget for the Linear Park

To ask you to authorize the **completion of engineering** to get Laurel Road shovel ready for the funding

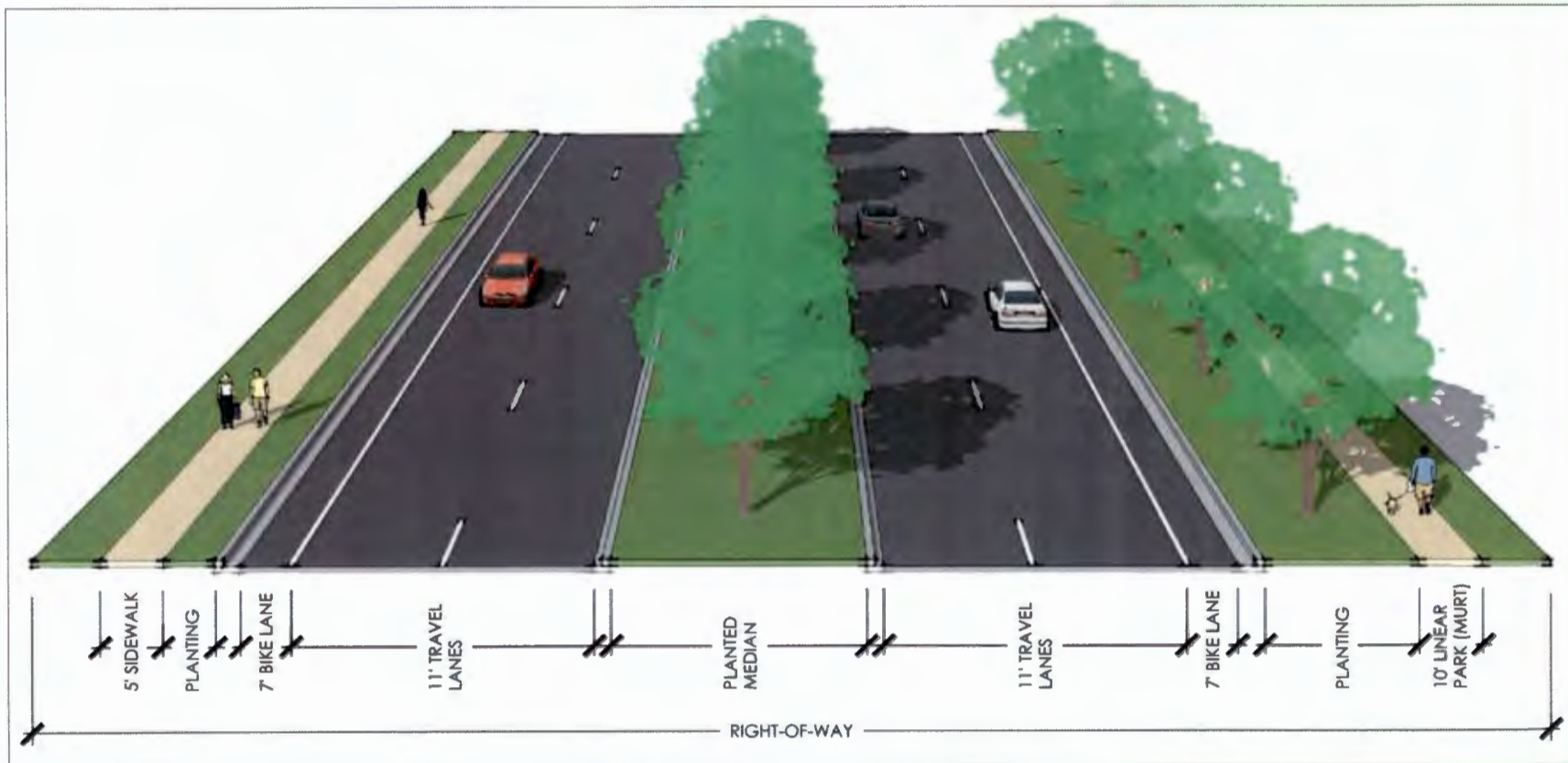




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LAUREL ROAD TYPICAL SECTION





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INTERSECTION OF LAUREL ROAD AND JACARANDA BOULEVARD



Similar intersection layout to Laurel Rd. and Jacaranda Blvd. shown here at Deer Dr. & Lakewood Ranch Blvd.

In Coordination with City of Venice, Sarasota County and Sarasota County Fire Department



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EXAMPLES OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND LIGHTING





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SUCCESSFUL HISTORY OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- **Resulted in major savings for taxpayer**
- Our previous public/private projects
 - US Highway 301 in Manatee County
 - Budgeted for \$32 MM, built for \$21 MM
 - Honore Avenue Extension (3.2 miles in Manatee County)
 - Built for \$6 MM under original estimate
 - Fort Hamer Bridge project
 - Bay Street sidewalk for Sarasota County
 - Budgeted for over \$1.294 MM, built for \$304,000 and completed just 2 months after receiving approval
 - Currently working on the Missing Link in Sarasota County
 - East of I-75 Connecting Clark Road to Knights Trail
- The County budget for Laurel Road is \$16,000,000
- **Our estimate for Laurel Road is consistent with our normal savings of 30% to 40%**





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AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH STANTEC

- Top engineering and planning firm
- Long successful history working on public and private sector projects



Stantec

Lump sum to complete engineering design to include:

- Environmental Constraints
- Stormwater Design
- Traffic Analysis
- City and County Coordination

Providing:

- 60% Permit Design Plans
- 90% Bid Phase Design Plans
- 100% Construction Phase Design Plans

To make Laurel Road a shovel-ready construction project.





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THE BUDGET FOR LAUREL ROAD

Completion of engineering design (Stantec)	\$894,000
Right-of-way acquisition litigation (Bentley)	\$50,000
Construction of the road (ESWG)	\$6,000,000
Joint use ponds (other than right-of-way acquisitions) (Neal)	\$500,000
Right-of-Way	\$2,370,000
Lighting (ESWG)	\$300,000
Landscaping and irrigation (ESWG)	\$400,000
Management fees 6% (ESWG)	\$489,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL (PRIMARILY FROM MOBILITY FEES)	\$11,003,000

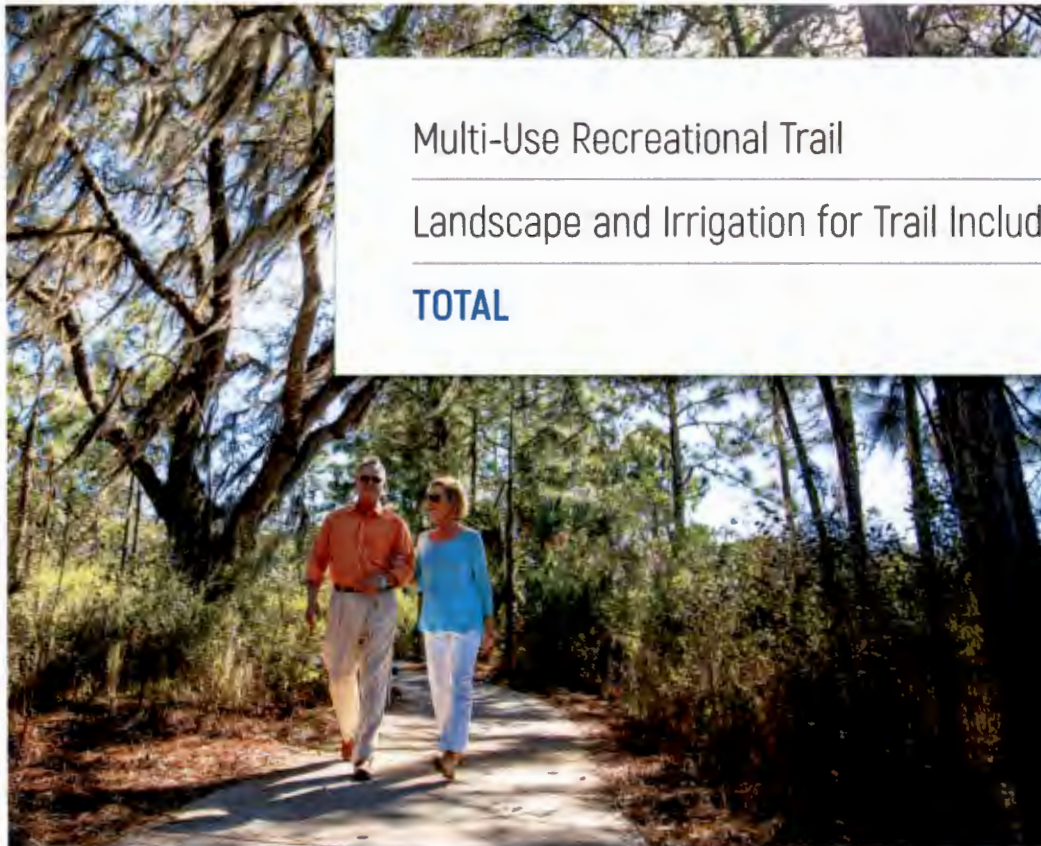




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BUDGET FOR LINEAR PARK (FROM PARK IMPACT FEES)



Multi-Use Recreational Trail	\$400,000
Landscape and Irrigation for Trail Including Enhanced Trail Features	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$700,000





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LINEAR PUBLIC PARK AND MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL



- Enhanced trail features with strong connectivity to adjacent open space, attractions and amenities
- Creating fun activities for passive and active users to experience along the trail system
- Natural play elements, functional fitness nodes, along with passive and relaxing spaces
- Avid Trails is example

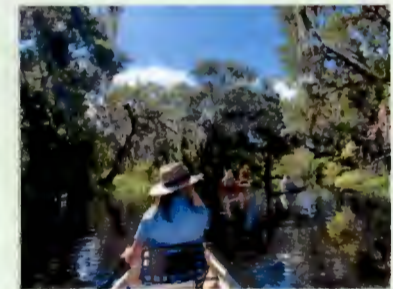




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LINEAR PARK CONNECTED AND ANCHORED BY PUBLIC PARKS ON THE EAST AND WEST





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A PLAN FOR THE ANCHOR PARK (THE WEST ANCHOR)



LAUREL ROAD PARK
CONCEPT PLAN
JULY 2022





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INITIATING EMINENT DOMAIN





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HERE'S HOW WE WILL PAY FOR IT



City of Venice mobility fee balance*	\$8,714,875
• Additional 2022 fees	\$800,000
• Additional 2023 fees	\$800,000
• Additional 2024 fees	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$11,114,875

(You have ample sources from known or committed sources to build Laurel Road)

*Subject to confirmation of information from the City of Venice and Sarasota County



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AVAILABLE FUNDS SHOULD WE HAVE A SHORTFALL

1. Grant from Florida Legislature	\$5,500,000
2. American Rescue Plan	\$5,500,000
3. Surface Transportation Act	\$5,500,000

(These are about 1/2 of the construction cost)
Our team has gotten grants in recent years of \$17,000,000, \$11,000,000 and \$3,600,000

We think this is very possible

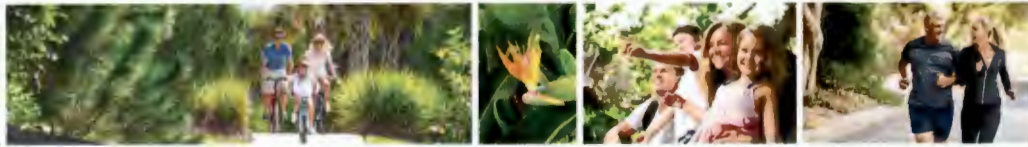
4. State Infrastructure Bank	\$2,000,000
5. Laurel Road CDD	\$5,000,000
6. Pay Neal on Terms	\$2,000,000
7. Request Sarasota County to reallocate resurfacing	\$1,900,000

BUILD THE ROAD

We think there are more than ample funds to build this road at this time.

We believe we need to get started to have shovel ready plans for construction.



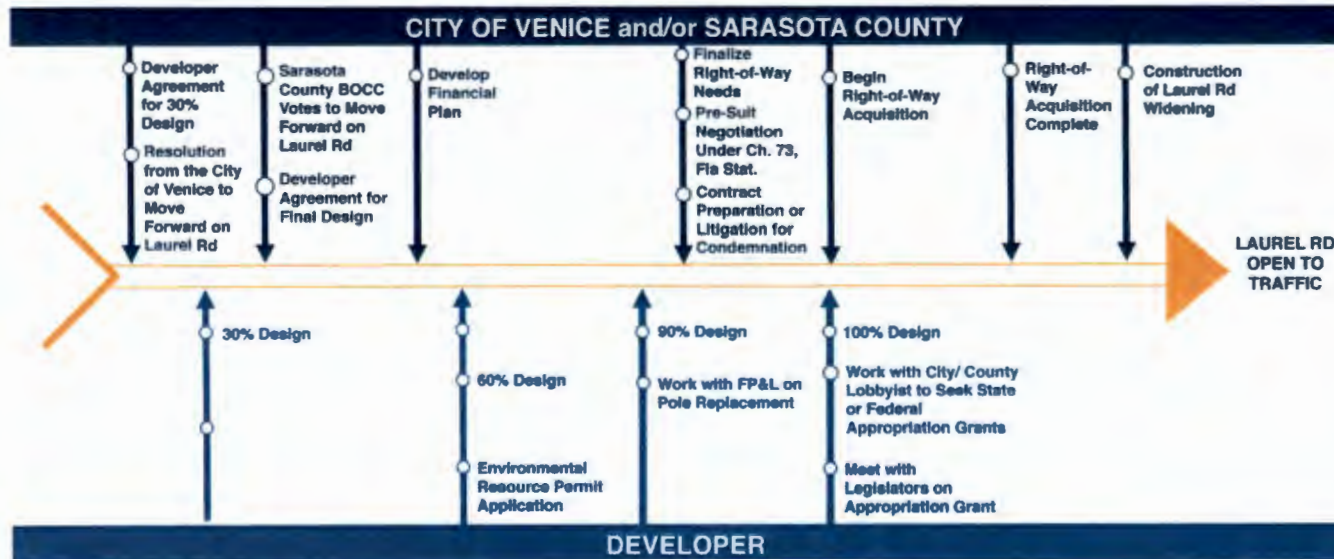


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CRITICAL PATH

LAUREL ROAD WIDENING COORDINATION PROGRESSION OUTLINE



The above activities are intended to outline the coordination progression between the City, County and/ or Developer and are not intended to dictate progress. All Venice actions would also have to be authorized by Sarasota County.

*Schedule analysis will be needed to produce a project specific schedule.





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IN CONCLUSION

A DECISION IS NEEDED



Thank you for this opportunity

In discussion since April 2016

We have a rare opportunity to build this Highway for less than the budgeted cost

Particularly with the 2 Stimulus Programs in operation

And the opportunities available for the right-of-way, but only for a limited time



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IN CONCLUSION

If the City agrees to move forward with the next steps towards the completion of the Laurel Road Project, we would recommend the following motion:

The Venice City Council authorizes Stantec Engineering, of Sarasota, Florida, to complete the required 100% plans for of the Laurel Road Project and agrees to pay Stantec an amount not to exceed \$894,000.

The Venice City Council requests the County to invoke its power of eminent domain for purposes of acquiring the right-of-way necessary for completion of the Laurel Road Project and further requests that the County retain Attorney Morgan Bentley to represent it in same, in order to expedite the eminent domain process.

The Venice City Council shall retain and authorize Capital City Consulting, Tallahassee, Florida, to obtain approval of a 50-50 grant from the Florida Legislature.

The Venice City Council hereby directs its Finance Department to work with the Economic Stimulus Working Group and Lucy Gallo of DPGF (Development, Planning & Financial Group) to develop a fiscal plan to expend approximately \$11,003,000.00 for the Laurel Road Project, and to report back to the City Council with such plan no later than December 1st, 2021.

